

Philadelphia 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1777

Dear Sir

I received your two favours of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> inst. I thank you — I agree with you that the loss of Fort Mifflin is the most disgraceful affair which has happened to us during the course of this war — and enquiries will be made into the affair, Congress having determined to recall every General Officer there and make them accountable to their Constituents — I suppose General Gates will command there — I have no doubt if the W<sup>g</sup> England people catch themselves that M<sup>r</sup> Burgoyne will pay severely for his temerity — if they do not they will surely deserve all the bad consequences that may follow.

— We are still at a loss to know where M<sup>r</sup> Howe is he has not been heard since last Thursday evening from M<sup>r</sup> Howe's Camp. The wind has been South ever since if he was going back to New York in order to operate up the N<sup>o</sup> River he has had time enough to have arrived here and we to have heard of it here — our people are so respectful of the N<sup>o</sup> River that I think nothing can be attempted by way of surprise and



we shall arrive time enough to receive them before any  
serious operation can take place. — we can find this  
city, thus the two great objects in the contest are joined  
against any sudden stroke. — The junction of the two armies  
by the way of the North River would be productive of  
greater accession of strength to Mr Howe and disadvantage  
to the Continent than any other place. — Philadelphia  
is the most great object in every account.

I hope in God he will succeed in neither of these and  
believe him not — — — the junction of Burgoyne  
and Howe by either Massachusetts or New Hampshire  
will in my opinion be impracticable. — I am  
wondering he could attempt it. — However as he has not been  
heard of to this I think it probable he is gone to  
the eastward and would wish you to be on your  
Guard — if he should set down there we shall  
follow him, but not catch him — the earliest intelligence  
ought to be sent to the General of his appearance  
— with respect to the General's writing Prescriptions  
You will find that both the copies and  
he has done it — is it possible then can it be  
the absolute necessity of extending any <sup>remedy</sup> I hope  
Hardy is not mistaken and happy to hear of the honor



Englishmen understand not of the respect that I have for natural objects & the  
wonderful and stupendous manner in which they are arranged in the bosom of my Mother



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Colonel Harry Jackson  
Boston

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Letter from me  
at David H. H.  
Aug 12. 1757

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